

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 2-3 have been canceled. Therefore, on entering this amendment, claim 1 is the only claim pending in this application.

Claims 3 is objected by the examiner.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Morenz (US 6,067,365).

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Liu (US 6,516,071).

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hatch (US 4,144,466) in view of Gabor (US 3,751,693) and Matsumura (US 6,487,053).

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

The Applicants respectfully cancel claims 2-3, rendering their rejection moot.

The Applicants respectfully amend claim 1 to further clarify the subject matter of the present invention. A skilled artisan would not have found it obvious to practice the present invention (as recited in amended claim 1) based on the combined teachings of Hatch and Gabor.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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